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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

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Director of Security

SUBJECT:

Investigation and Polygraph Programs in the
Intelligence Community

1. Attached per your request is a short narrative presentation highlighting the investigation and polygraph programs used in the Intelligence Community.

2. Attached are relevant authorities i.e., E.O. 10450, E.O. 12036 and DCID 1/14.

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General: Executive Order 10450 provides that all government employees shall be subject to investigation. The scope of the investigation is determined by the sensitivity of the position. Positions designated as "sensitive" (which includes all positions in the Intelligence Community) require a more comprehensive background investigation described as a full background investigation sufficient in depth and coverage to enable the department or agency head to determine whether such employment would be consistent with the interest of national security. All agencies of the Intelligence Community comply with this Executive Order.

CIA: The CIA investigative authority is further addressed in Executive Order 12036 dated 24 January 1978 which provides that the CIA, under the direction of the National Security Council shall protect the security of its installations, activities, information and personnel by appropriate means, "including such investigations of applicants, employees, contractors and others with similar association with the CIA as are necessary..."

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Department of State: The Department of State investigative authority rest in Executive Order 10450. They do a 7 year background investigation. As part of the investigation, State conducts a personal interview with the applicant. This is not a polygraph interview.

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DCID 1/14: There are minimum personnel security standards and procedures governing eligibility for access to sensitive compartmented information (SCI) established by the DCI under provisions of Executive Order 12065, the National Security Act of 1947 and National Security Council Directives. These standards apply to all United States Government civilian and military personnel consultants, contractor's employees of contractors and other individuals who require access to SCI. These standards are published in Director of Central Intelligence Directive 1/14, 13 May 1976.

These standards require a background investigation substantially similar to the CIA applicant background investigations. It also provides for a 5 year reinvestigation. Polygraph interviews are not required but are permissible as are personal interviews conducted by trained security investigative or counterintelligence personnel when necessary to resolve any significant adverse information.

The Intelligence Community continues to evaluate investigative methods and techniques to assume maximum returns on resource commitment.

Attached are charts reflecting the coverage of the investigation and polygraph programs and copy of relevant authorities.

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